



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Eloy S. Inos
Governor

Jude U. Hofschneider
Lieutenant Governor

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Eileen Sobeck
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service/NOAA
U.S. Department of Commerce

Dear Mrs. Sobeck:

As required under the guidelines of the Regional Fisheries Management Council, I am submitting my three nominees for possible appointment to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island (CNMI) Obligatory seat. The following are the nominees and their names are not listed in any order of priority:

1. Richard T. Seman
2. John E. Gourley
3. Benigno M. Sablan

All three applicants are active members of the CNMI community in the preservation and management of our marine resources. All live and work in the CNMI and they have been actively involved in marine resource activities. Their applications are attached for your review.

I hope this completes my nomination for the obligatory seat. My staff looks forward to continue working with the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council and assures you of my strong support of the goals and objectives of the organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eloy S. Inos", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Eloy S. Inos

CC: *Kitty Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council*
Arnold Palacios, Secretary, Department of Lands and Natural Resources